Pearls from the Overseer’s Bible

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PEARLS OF WISDOM - PROVERBS 4:5-9

Preface

The following "PEARLS" and comments have been written by the Overseer:

These "PEARLS" have been gathered over the 25 years wherein I've been saved; and they should help you greatly if you pray about their significance and want to understand their application in your born-again lives! This is the condition - they will NOT be anointed to your soul, unless you hunger for knowledge! See: PROV 23:9; PROV 22:17,18 & PROV 23:12*** DO IT!

These "PEARLS" have been taken from the back of my Bible, which dates from November 26th, 1971. The various comments, scriptures, etc. are summaries of information which I have studied and received from the Lord over the period of these years... they should be used by officers to help them in answering particular questions and fields of thought, usually not easily found by just a surface knowledge of the Scriptures. Sometimes, certain single Scriptures might not seem to have a relevance to the subject mentioned, but, with deeper reflection, you will "see" that it indeed does relate to the theme mentioned. Use these notes wisely and thoughtfully!

Consider deeply the Proverbs which are given above and in other HQ Letters.

They are all scriptural and you are to meditate upon God's Word!

The superficial enquirer will never have anything revealed from God!

PROVERBS 25:2

SMITH WIGGLESWORTH:

Amongst many of the "pearls of wisdom" quoted from this Godly man is one which was "burned" deeply into my soul in 1968. The quote is taken from Chapter 11 of Stanley Howard Frodsham's book 'Smith Wigglesworth – Apostle of Faith', towards the end:

"We should be far more concerned about a rich and noble character than we are about a big reputation. Popularity can be bought almost any day for a song and sold for a sparrow, but a noble character is the product of years of divine training and discipline."

('Smith Wigglesworth – Apostle of Faith' by Stanley Howard Frodsham)

There is no failure - except in no longer trying. HEBREWS 10:38,39
SOME "PEARLS": (PART I)

**WISDOM:** - ISA 11:3

**REVIVAL:** - ACTS 3:19; EZEK 37:12,13; PSA 85:6; ISA 44:3; HOS 6:3; PSA 72:6; JAS 5:7-8; JOEL 2:23,24,26,28; ACTS 2:17-18; ZECH 10:1; MATT 24:14; ZECH 4:6; ISA 41:17,18; PROV 16:15; 1.KIN 18:41; ZECH 8; ISA 49; and ISA 43:6

**REVIVAL COMES - but not "for" us:** - EZEK 36:22,32; DEUT 9:5; PSA 106:8; ISA 48:11

**BRETHREN CAN DISCOURAGE:** - DEUT 1:28; NUM 13:31; NUM 14:1-4

**IT IS SCRIPTURAL TO DETERMINE FRIEND OR FOE:** - JOSH 5:13; 1.KIN 13

**THE IMPORTANCE OF "THE WORD":** - PROV 13:13; MK 12:24

**CONCERNING A "GIFT":** - DEUT 16:19; EX 23:8

**N.B. FOR MY "WALK":** - 1.CHR 28:6 →

**KEEP MY "EYES" ON JESUS:** - 2.CHR 20:12

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART II)

**THE WORD OF GOD:** - PSA 119

**CONCERNING DREAMS AND VISIONS:** - JOEL 2:28; Everything must be proven by the Word = NUM 12:6; MATT 2:19-23; 1.THESS 5:20-21; ISA 8:20

**JESUS = "Saviour",.... CHRIST = "Anointed"**

**WHY WAIT ON THE LORD?** - PSA 27:14 - all PSALMS from K.J.V. (English) - PSA 25:4,5,21; PSA 39:7; PSA 40:1-3; PSA 130:5,6; PSA 37:7

**IT IS EVIL - NOT TO SEEK THE LORD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!** - 2.CHR 12:14

**OUR WITNESS is to Preach & Obey ALL of Christ's Teachings:** - ACTS 1:1; ACTS 20:27; 1.COR 15:4; ACTS 24:14; LK 24:25

**FAITH IN THE GOSPELS - is a Verb... FAITH in JUDE 3 is a Noun!** = (it is imparted) 2.PET 1:1-4; MK 11:22; ACTS 26:18

**GOD GIVES US OUR VERY BREATH!** - ISA 42:5

**NOTHING WILL STOP GOD'S PLAN:** - ISA 43:13

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART III)

**BEFORE ASKING GOD FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** - study the scriptures - DAN 9:2

**BIBLE HOPE:** - is steady, serene, and a confident expectation of good.
JESUS PUT HIS APPROVAL ON THE OLD TESTAMENT: - JN 5:39,46,47; LK 24:25-27,44-45-47

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT: -
   GEN 3:15 = GAL 4:4
   ISA 53:4-6;12 = MATT 8:17
   PSA 16:10 = MATT 28:6; LK 24:5,6
   ISA 7:14 = MATT 1:21-23
   MIC 5:2 = MATT 2:6; JN 7:42

QUALIFICATIONS FOR GOING FORTH IN GOD’S WORK: - DEUT 20:3-9; JUDGES 7

REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE: - She had, more than once, God’s intervention in her affairs - see GEN 14:12-16; GEN 19:17... therefore 2.PET 1:4-11. Lot knew Sodom’s reputation (GEN 13:10-13) - but he joined them (GEN 19:1)... Though he didn't do much against Sodom (2.PET 2:7-8) = he carried little weight with men or his sons-in-law (GEN 19:9,14). Therefore: JN 17:15-19; JAS 4:14. N.B. Joseph's attitude to sexual morality: GEN 39; and Daniel would not compromise over food and drink: DAN 1:8-16... Therefore: ROM 12:1,2 - Sodom: EZEK 16:49. Lot complains about leaving!: GEN 19:16-20... so his wife "dragged her feet" (GEN 19:26) = we must respond to the pull of the angel's hand: GEN 19:16!


NAME - "JEW": - JER 38:19; 2.KIN 16:6

PRAYERS WHICH CANNOT BE ANSWERED!: - JAS 4:3; PSA 66:18***; 1.JN 3:21,22; MK 11:25; PROV 21:13; PROV 28:9; 1.PET 3:7; HEB 11:6 & JAS 1:6,7

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART IV)

MARRIAGE SUCCESS: -
   (1) Never use the word “Divorce” (PROV 18:21)
   (2) Intense disagreement doesn’t mean trouble (PROV 20:3)
   (3) Never joke about your wife
   (4) Compliment each other! (PROV 25:11)
   (5) Never smother (power control) each other (ISA 58:6)
   (6) Learn to say: "I'm sorry" (MK 11:25,26; PROV 19:11)
   (7) Never shut each other out (PROV 25:28)
   (8) Keep the joy flowing (NEH 8:10; PROV 17:22)
   (9) Never turn to a 3rd Party to tell tales/stories (evilly) (PROV 20:17)
   (10) Consult Christ on every detail (JUDE 24)

LIFTING UP OF HANDS: - found in 1st Book = Abraham... found in last Book = Angel. Moses, Aaron, David, Jeremiah, Ezekiel - all did lift up hands. It meant all the difference between winning and losing a battle! - Moses lifted up his hands to God against the Amalekites: PSA 134:2; 1.TIM 2:8; NEH 8:6; HEB 12:12.

GIFT OF PROPHECY: - is not proof of a man's "standing" with God = JN 11:49-52; MATT 7:22,23; 1.COR 13:2; 1.KIN 13:18; NUM 24:17; 1.SAM 10:6,10

GOD CLEANSES US FROM ALL UNCLEANNESS: - EZEK 36:29; PSA 34:4; 1.JN 1:9

GOD DOES NOT ALWAYS COERCE AND COAX: - JER 2:19

EXAMPLES OF TOTAL REBELLION: - JER 2:31; JER 6:16,17
A PRAYER FOR THE NEW ESTABLISHED CHURCH: - COL 1:9

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING PROPHECY: - Fulfilment = DEUT 18:20-22. Accompanying conditions met... It is scriptural... Public acknowledgement = "let others judge"... It should confirm something God has already spoken... Does it witness to your inner spirit? 1.JN 2:27... The "purity of the vessel" = (person)... The spirit of the message itself: REV 19; MATT 23:37... The burden of the Lord in the message - 2.CHR 7:14... does it glorify Jesus? JN 16:4

A REVIVAL'S PURITY IS BASED ON ITS FOUNDATIONS: - (= level of repentance of each individual!)... ROM 11:16

"ACCEPT JESUS AS SAVIOUR" IS UNSCRIPTURAL: - JN 15:16; EPH 1:6; MK 13:20

NO RECALL OF "FORMER/EARTHLY LIFE" IN THE MILLENNIUM: - ISA 65:17

HUMILITY: - 2.KIN 20:16-19; JER 42:6

PROPHETS, NOT SENT BY GOD: - JER 23:21

RIGHTEOUSNESS: - PHIL 3:9

MANY MISTAKES ARE MADE BY NOVICES: - but the Lord cleanses us if we go on! HEB 12:13

WISDOM: - PROV 8:33; ISA 11:3

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART V)

WHY REVIVAL FAILS: - JUDGES 2:10

A NEW CREATION: - 2.COR 5:17

CONDITIONS FOR CONTINUED LIFE: - PSA 34:12

HOW TO OVERCOME: - EPH 6:11-18

SHOULD I (?): - 1.COR 8; 1.COR 10; ROM 14!


"Land of Israel" = where Israel would be regathered, was to be a land "bought back from the sword"; "gathered out of many peoples"; a land "always waste"; and "desolate" till Israel's entry! = EZEK 38:8,12.

BRITAIN = unoccupied wilderness till first Danite-Phoenician-Hebrew colonies established from 1,000 B.C. onwards... Roman sword wielded till 410 A.D. - then Jutes (449); Saxons (477); Angles (507); Scandinavians (802); Danes (866), and finally the Normans (1066 A.D.)
When the Lost Tribes regathered in the "land of Israel", they will still be idolatrous = EZEK 36:24; EZEK 37:21; DEUT 4:25-28 & 2.KIN 17:6-16.

In this "Land of Israel", lost Israel was to be cleansed of idolatry = EZEK 36:25; EZEK 37:23. During Israel's "spiritual cleansing", Royal Houses of Ephraim and Judah would reign, at first, over separate portions of Israel and then joined as "The Throne of David" = EZEK 37:16-22; EZEK 38:8,11,14; EZEK 39:6,26 = "safely = confidently, trustfully" = EZEK 38:11; 2.SAM 7:10.

**The Location of the new Israel** = was to be safe because of geographical isolation = EZEK 39:6, dwelling in "isles" = "midst of the earth" = EZEK 38:12. So "Imperial Israel" exists prior to Armageddon - "isles of the sea" = ISA 24:15 = "sea" (also Hebrew 'yam' = "west").

**ARMAGEDDON**: - EZEK 39:25 & JER 30:3 = Return to unification in "Palestine". ISA 26:20,21; EZEK 38:18-22; EZEK chapters 38 & 39 fully! JOEL 3:10; MATT 24:21,22,27-29; JOEL 2:31; DAN 12:1,2; 2.PET 3:10,3,4; MK 13:32; REV 18 (famine); MATT 24:7 = earthquakes = REV 16:18; ZECH 14; REV 11:7-9 "through use of T.V.??"; ISA 2:3,4.

People's Attitude: 2.PET 2:10,12,13,18; 1.TIM 4:1,2; 2.TIM 3:1,2,4; MATT 10:21; JUDE 18,16; JAS 5:3,4-6,1-3; 2.PET 2:3,14; REV 3:17; LK 17:26; LK 21:34!!; MK 13:22,23; JUDE 7; 2.TIM 3:3.

Second Coming/Return of Christ: LK 21:27 = is dealt with 1,845 times in the Bible; 318 times in N.T. and is the dominant theme in 17 O.T. Books; 7 out of every 10 chapters in the N.T. deal with it!!

**BRITISH ISRAEL**: - ISA 25:7 - Identity of Israel will be revealed to the world = EZEK 39:7.

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**SOME "PEARLS": (PART VI)**

**NEVER SAY, "GOD HAS FORSAKEN OR FORGOTTEN."** HEB 13:5; JN 6:37; EX 17:7

**DO NOT SELF-JUSTIFY:** - MK 13:23

**IT IS SCRIPTURAL TO SEND "MATERIAL HELP":** - ROM 16; 2.COR 1:3-11; PHIL 4:12-14

**WHAT GOD THINKS OF MAN'S LIFE:** - PSA 39:5,6

**GOD NEVER GIVES HIS GLORY TO ANOTHER!:** - ISA 42:8; ISA 43:11

**DURING A BARREN (DRY) TIME - WE OUGHT TO:** - PSA 77:10-20; PSA 80:7

**ALL BLESSINGS ARE "IN" JESUS:** - e.g. 1.COR 1:30 =

... Wisdom: COL 2:3
... Righteousness: 1.JN 3:5-6; ROM 8:1
... Sanctification: 1.COR 1:2
... Redemption: ROM 3:24; EPH 1:7; COL 1:14
... Life: JN 1:4; JN 5:26; 1.COR 15:22; 2.TIM 1:1; 1.JN 5:11; 2.COR 5:17
... Salvation: 2.TIM 2:10
... Victory: 2.COR 2:14.

**BECAUSE WE ARE "IN" HIM:** -

- We're children of God: GAL 3:26; EPH 1:11-12
- God accepts us: EPH 1:6; 2:13; 3:12
We have unity: GAL 3:28; EPH 2:21-22
- Peace in Him: JN 16:33; 1.PET 5:14
- Joy in Him: PHIL 1:26; 3:1-3; 4:4
- Faith; Love in Him: 1.TIM 1:14; 2.TIM 1:13; 3:15
- Boldness in Him: 1.TIM 3:13
- Grace in Him: 2.TIM 2:1
- Persecution in Him: PHIL 1:13; 2.TIM 3:12

Therefore:
- COL 1:19; 2:9-10; 1.COR 1:5
Walk in Him: COL 2:6-7 by letting Him work in us = COL 1:27-29; JN 15; 2.THESS 1:11-12; PHILEM 6; 1.JN 2:5-6,24; 1.JN 3:24; 1.JN 4:13-16;

**Jesus Was a Nazarene:** - MATT 2:23 = (an inhabitant). This is opposite to: NUM 6:2,5 = one under a vow!

**Nothing Occurs by Chance:** - ACTS 6:9 → 7:57,58; JOB 34:12

**No One Can Do Anything Against Us - Without God's Permission!:** - ROM 8:31; 2.TIM 1:8.

**REPEAT OF ONE OF THE "PEARLS":**

Did you notice the importance, for all of us at the moment, of the Scriptures seen in the section:-

*** DURING A BARREN (DRY) TIME - WE OUGHT TO: ***

- PSA 77:10-20 & PSA 80:7

We are not to forget WHO GOD IS = Our Creator; the Giver of Breath in our Bodies and Souls... It is too easy to turn our eyes off Him, and onto our trivial present situation... therefore such Scriptures as the following are not to be forgotten: 2.COR 4:16-18 & 2.COR 5:1,2

**EXPLANATIONS:**

In answer to Ingo who says he cannot understand the meaning - in PEARLS VI - MK 13:23: Here we are told by the Lord, that He has already "foretold" = explained and revealed ALL THINGS necessary and pertaining to us about everything - especially in His Word (see JN 16:13...). By getting God to reveal His Ways to us, we find He has already shown us everything through the Holy Spirit; and we must simply seek them out... so here, we see, "no self-justification" is ever needed = no excuses we didn't know something or couldn't understand something, because the Lord has given us everything already! (see EPH 1:17-23, etc.)

**SOME "PEARLS": (PART VII)**

**List of Sins:** - ROM 1:29-32; 1.COR 6:9-10; GAL 5:19-21; EPH 5:5; REV 21:8,27; 2.PET 2:10-22

**Backsliding & Repentance:** - HOSEA Chapter 14; JEREMIAH Chapters 3 & 4

**Genesis 27:41:** - See Amplified Bible Commentary (c)

**GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES - EITHER - "FOR" - or "AGAINST" US:** - LEV 26:17; 1.SAM 4:10; 1.SAM 31:1

**To Evaluate Divine Revelations:** - JER 23:28 = condemnation of false prophets.

Evaluation = MATT 7:15-23; 1.THESS 5:20,21; 1.COR 14:29; NEH 6:10-14 "shut-up" = in a state of prophetic ecstasy! Nehemiah used Bible principle → NUM 18:7 and also that it was unethical. JER 23:16,21,26

Charismatic manifestations can be simulated:
= 1.KIN 22:5-12; JER 28:1-17; MATT 7:21-23; JER 29:8,9

Double evaluation:
(1) = Is the message morally sound? JER 23:14,15; JER 29:23; JER 23:15 = lives were evil! JER 23:27,32! God works through holy people! = 2.PET 1:21
(2) = Does it harmonise with the Bible Truth? = ISA 8:20!

THE PASTOR: - PSA 23:1; JER 23:1; ACTS 20:28; 1.PET 5:2
(1) - Finds rich pasture (teaching) for the flock: JN 21:15-17; 1.TIM 3:2; 1.PET 5:2; ACTS 20:32
(2) - Preserves/keeps the sheep/flock in peace
(3) - Leads the flock in straight paths: 1.TIM 1:4; 1.TIM 4:7
(4) - Visits the flock and cares for them
(5) - Protects the flock
(6) - Cares for the well-being of the sheep
(7) - Supreme example to follow = JN 10:11***; HEB 13:20; 1.PET 5:1-4 = JESUS = REV 7:17!
(8) - Example of "Shepherds":
  JACOB - GEN 31:40; GEN 33:13
  MOSES - EX 3:1 = lonely!
  DAVID - 1.SAM 17:34,35
  PAUL - ACTS 20:28-30; 1.COR 9:7

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART VIII)

GREEK TRANSLATION OF - EPHESIANS 6:10-20: -
verse 10: strong = (make powerful inwardly); in the power (strength); of his might (strength).
verse 11: put on = (be clothed); whole armour («panoply» = complete suit of armour; full defence); may be able («dunamai» = have power); to stand (to be set); wiles (frauds); devil (accuser; maligner, etc.)
verse 12: principalities (world rulers); spiritual («pneumatikes»); wickedness (malignity = satan tells our ears things).
verse 13: take unto you (receive); the whole armour («panoplia»); may be able («dunamai»); withstand (to set, place against); having done (see margin of KJV).
verse 14: stand (be set); having girt (envelope); your loins (lower part of back = very vulnerable); having on (to go in; clothed in); of right(ness)eousness (know the Word in our hearts).
verse 15: preparation (readiness).
verse 16: taking (receiving = JN 3:27); fiery (on fire); shield of faith (fulness); darts (arrows).
verse 17: take (receive); salvation (safety; soundness); sword (fighting weapon of the Spirit).
verse 18: praying always ... in the spirit («pneumati» = in, by, with tongues).
verse 19: pray for... (various oversights)... HOW TO STABILISE ONESELF: - EPH 3:14


PRIDE: - NUM 15:30-31
LUKE: - Reference to him only thrice (=3x): COL 4:14; PHILEM 24; 2.TIM 4:11. Herein, Paul indicates Luke was with him and a fellow labourer... Thus - in ACTS 16:10-17; 20:5; 21:18; 27:1 and 28:16 "we" & "us" might refer to Luke!

MARRIAGE versus FORNICATION:

Engagement: MATT 1:18; LK 1:27; LK 2:5; GEN 29; 2.SAM 13:1-29; EX 22:16-17; DEUT 22:28-29; LEV 21:9*

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART IX)

FAITH: - ROM 1:17; GAL 3:11; EPH 2:8; GAL 2:16; 2.PET 1:1; EPH 4:13; PHIL 3:9; 2.THESS 1:3; 1.TIM 1:14; 1.TIM 3:13; 2.TIM 3:15; 2.COR 13:5

PERFECTION: - MATT 10:25; DEUT 18:13; LK 6:40; MATT 5:48; PHIL 3:12; JOB 1:8* = definition of "Perfection"; GEN 6:9; HEB 11:5; NUM 12:7; 2.TIM 3:17; COL 1:28; EPH 4:11-13 & 2.COR 6:16,17

ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION: - PHIL 1:6; 2.THESS 3:3; JUDE 24

WORDS: - PROV 17:27; PROV 15:14; PROV 10:19; ECCLES 5:3; 1.PET 1:15; COL 4:6; 1.TIM 6:20

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART X)


SIN = SICKNESS: - (and God "allows" sickness - sometimes!!) - LEV 14:34; PSA 103:3; JN 5:14; MATT 9:5,6; DEUT 28:59-61; 1.KIN 13:4-6; DAN 4:33; DEUT 32:39 = ISA 45:7; NUM 21:6; GEN 20:3-18; 2.CHR 26:19; 2.KIN 5:27; GEN 19:11; ACTS 13:11; ACTS 12:23; GEN 6:7; EX 12:12; EX 14:27; EX 32:35; NUM 11:33; NUM 16:32; 2.SAM 12 (all); 1.SAM 18:10; GEN 12:17

GOD ALWAYS PUNISHED ISRAEL FOR REBELLION: - 2.KIN 25 (all); 2.CHAR 36:6-21; 2.KIN 17:17-23

WITH REPENTANCE - GOD FORGAVE AND RESTORED: - NEH 1:4-11; DEUT 30:9,19,20; LK 15:11-20,32

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XI)
THE BOOKS OF - MATTHEW & PROVERBS: - show so much on "Healing".


THE POWER OF OUR CONFESSION: - PROV 16:30; PROV 18:20-21; MATT 12:33-37; ROM 10:8-10; HEB 4:14; HEB 10:23

WORLDLY GOVERNMENTS: - (1) - Pray for them = 1.TIM 2:1-4; MATT 5:44; LK 6:28.
(2) - Must be obedient to their demands! = MATT 22:18 → ROM 13:1-7; TIT 3:1; 1.PET 2:13-17.
   - Exceptions!: = ACTS 4:19*; LK 3:12-14; 1.TIM 6:1-11;
     HEB 13:5; PHIL 2:12-16 (No strikes)

WHEN THINGS LOOK BAD & BRETHREN LEAVE THE CHURCH: - ZEC 4:6; 1.SAM 13:8;
   2.CHR 14:11

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XII)


David was too "soft" on his sons... 2.SAM 14:1-2,21-33; 2.SAM 15:1-14; PSA 18:20-25-35...;
   EPH 6:13-17; 1.JN 2:1-8

MARK 5:27,28: - Healing was NOT dependant upon the development of a perfect faith by any process of self; but rather on contact with Jesus = Author & Finisher of Faith.***

HEBREWS 11:1: - "Faith is the quality or power by which the things desired become the things possessed."***

ISAIAH 52:12: - A believer does NOT rush! (is not hectic!)

2. PETER 1:12: - There is a need to constantly recheck the Scriptures!!

HAB 2:4; DEUT 32:20: - The word, "Faith" is ONLY used twice (2x) in the O.T.

ACTS 7:38; LUKE 24:27: - Though God communicated with: Adam; Cain; Noah; Abraham, etc. - ONLY Moses recorded God's Will.

DEUT 31:9,29; 2.KIN 22:8; ISA 29:18 & ISA 43:16: - Books of The Law were written through Moses; and with the Book of Joshua were placed in The Ark of the Covenant!

DAN 9:2; ISA 29:18; ISA 34:16: - The Psalms; Books of History were deposited in Solomon's Temple!

N.T. Scriptures refer to O.T. writings: - and show they are INSPIRED writings: - ROM 3:2; MATT 5:18; 1.COR 2:13; ACTS 1:6; 2.PET 1:20,21; GAL 3:8; MK 12:36; LK 24:25, etc.
DOES GOD HEAR US?: - PSA 6:9; 1.JN 5:15; PSA 3:4; PSA 17:6; PSA 20:1,6; PSA 34:15; PSA 118:21; PSA 120:1; PSA 4:3; PSA 10:17; PSA 18:6; PSA 31:22; **PSA 40:1***; PSA 65:2; PSA 55:17; PSA 66:19; PSA 94:9; PSA 116:1; PSA 145:19; etc.

**DOES GOD HEAR US?** - **PEARLS FROM THE OVERSEER’S BIBLE**

2.PET 1:2: - A warning against complacency = taking things for granted!!

2.PET 1:2: - How to have PEACE (fruit).

OBEY 1.PET 4:11: - OR - result = JER 1:17!**

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XIII)

ARMAGEDDON: = "Mount Meggido"

ACTS 13:22: - means we will fulfil PSALM 145

THE 3 TRIALS OF JESUS ARE SHOWN TO US:

1) - In the wilderness = MATT 4:1-11; MK 1:12-13 & LK 22:41-44

2) - At Lazarus' tomb = JN 11:33-38

3) - The few days before He died = JN 12:27; JN 13:21 & LK 22:41-44

"GODLINESS" = proper state of awe before God: - TIT 2:12; 2.PET 3:11; 1.TIM 6:11; 1.TIM 2:2; 1.TIM 3:16; 2.PET 1:3,6 & 1.TIM 4:7,8

PRAISE GOD: - *** PSA 139:14...; PSA 111:1; PSA 109:30; PSA 7:17; PSA 146:2; PSA 52:9; PSA 104:33 & PSA 54:6

"ATHEOS" (Greek) = "without God": - e.g. "atheist"

DO YOU KNOW JESUS?: - JN 14:19; 1.SAM 3:1,7; JOB 42:5,6; JER 9:23,24; PHIL 3:8; JN 17:3; JN 1:18; HEB 1:1-3 & JN 16:14

THE FALLEN ARE UNAWARE!: - PROV 4:19

MATTHEW 2:11: - "Gold" = Deity
 "Frankincense" = LEV 2:2; LEV 16:6-15 = Service
 "Myrrh" = Death - JN 19:39

SIN BRINGS DISEASE & SICKNESS: - "Fools because of their transgressions, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death."

PSALM 107:17,18

GOD WANTS PERFECTION: - MATT 5:48; e.g. Job in JOB 1:8; Noah = GEN 6:9; David in PSALM 101:2; cf. 2.TIM 3:16,17


REASON = JN 7:39,37,38.

TO BE SAVED - HOLY SPIRIT MUST DWELL "IN" A PERSON...: - ACTS 1:8; EPH 1:13; EPH 4:30; 2.COR 1:22***; ROM 8:9; JN 12:12-16; JN 16:7; LK 24:26,27,49; etc.

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XIV)
SPIRITUAL GIFTS: - «pneumatikon»
(1) - «charismata» = extraordinary spiritual endowments
(2) - «diakolai» = ministries; of service
(3) - «energemata» = operations or functioning - of workings

WORLD WAR III: - ISA 24:5,6 - Today the people of Earth flaunt God's Laws; Tomorrow they will burn!

PERFECTION & END:
PHIL 3:12-14 → MATT 5:48; 1.COR 13:10 «teleios» = "The Perfect"
EPH 4:12 «teleios» → COL 1:28; HEB 6:1; 2.TIM 3:16,17
MATT 10:22; MK 13:13 «telos» = end ← Endure to/till; 1.PET 1:13
HEB 3:11,6 ← Hope to
HEB 12:26,27 ← Keep Word to/till
Until Christ delivers Kingdom to God → 1.COR 15:24
Then - no end to Kingdom = LK 1:33; REV 22:13

FINGER POINTING/JUDGING: - Job suffered calamitous consequences; therefore he "must have sinned". (This is how people think). God clearly disavowed this reasoning → JOB 42:7!!

MATTHEW 12:40: - Biblical Day = 18:00 - 06:00 (regarded by the Jews!)
Thursday 18:00 - Friday 18:00 (Day & Night = 24 hours)
Friday 18:00 - Saturday 18:00 (Day & Night = 24 hours)
Saturday 18:00 - Sunday 18:00 (Day & Night = 24 hours)

EXODUS 12: - Israel applied the blood of the lamb to the doorposts = a type of salvation from sin; and ate the lamb's body which was a type of healing from sickness = PSALM 103:2,3

THEY "SAID" THEY WERE "WEAK": - MOSES - EX 3:11; EX 4:1,10
ISAIAH - ISA 6:5
JEREMIAH - JER 1:6

2.CHR 16: - Asa died - because he "looked" to man!

ISA 38: - Hezekiah LIVED because he "looked" to God!!

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XV)

SATAN: - LK 10:18; ISA 14:12-15; EZEK 28:11-19; REV 9:11; DAN 10:13 = EPH 6; JUDE 9 = ZECH 3:1-2; 1.JN 3:10; 1.JN 5:19; JN 8:44; REV 12:11; REV 20:2; COL 1:13

DEVIL: = "Accuser; defamer; calumniator; slanderer"

PSALM 5:3: - Look up in prayer! ACTS 2:25 - don't bury your head in a chair!

ACTS 13:1; EPH 4:11: - The Teacher brought a doctrine rather than a message...
- The Prophet brought a message.

1.JN 3:14: - How we know we have life in Christ!

HEB 4:12; JN 17:17: - Jesus/The Word cuts us away from the world!

NAMES OF JERUSALEM: - 2.SAM 5:9; PSA 48:2; 2.CHR 25:28; ZECH 8:3; NEH 11:1;
ZECH 9:13

**AFTER THE RESURRECTION - JESUS WAS SEEN:**
- MK 16:9; MATT 28:9; LK 24:34; JN 20:19 and on Mount in Galilee!
- 1.COR 15:6

**GOD WOULD NOT HAVE US IGNORANT:**
- 2.TIM 2:15; ROM 1:13; ROM 11:25; 1.COR 10:1; 1.COR 12:1; 1.THESS 4:13 - **opposite** = 2.PET 3:16!

**NOT OUR FAITH - BUT THE FAITH OF GOD:**

**TWO MAJOR WAYS TO "USE" JESUS' NAME:**
- JN 15:16 and JN 16:23

**WHERE REMAINS THE PLACE FOR BEGGING OR CRYING?**:
- When: - EPH 1:3,22; 1.COR 3:21 and COL 2:9!

**RIVERS IN THE DESERT:**
- JER 2:13; PSA 107:35; ISA 43:19; ISA 41:18.

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**SOME "PEARLS": (PART XVI)**

**RIVERS OF LIVING WATER:**
- JN 7:37-39***; PSA 78:15,16; PSA 105:41; ISA 32:2; ISA 41:17,18; ISA 43:19 --> Happens when you receive the Holy Spirit!

**KINSMEN THOUGHT JESUS WAS "CRAZY"!**
- MK 3:21.

**CONCERNING POSSESSIONS:**
- 1.JN 3:17; 1.THESS 4:11,12; EPH 4:28.

**JUDGING - MAL 3:18***
- PSA 75:7; MATT 7:1,2; PSA 50:6; LK 6:37.

**BUT - cf. Jesus' position** = JN 5:17-19,22,23,27,30; (Jesus judges, but ONLY as the Father has given Him to do so!) - JN 8:15,16,26; JN 12:44-50; therefore JN 15:5.

**We cannot judge! BUT in Him (Jesus) we can!!** = 1.COR 2:15-16; DAN 7:22 --> COL 1:13; 1.COR 6:2,3; & MATT 19:28; PSA 149:9**; 1.COR 4:5.

**JEREMIAH 2:5:**
- God can't "understand" why people turn away from Him/Salvation.

**2.CHR 15:3:**
- Israel today is devoid of God's instructions **therefore must have** 2.CHR 34 (full chapter).

**HOW CAN I KNOW MY MINISTRY?**
- ROMANS 12:4,5.

**EZEKIEL 18:**
- For saved, but disobedient members of the Assembly!

**ECCLESIASTES 9:5:**
- PSA 115:17; PSA 6:5; PSA 89:48; PSA 116:15; PSA 88:5; PSA 49:17; ECCLES 8:8.

**THE MIND:**
- PHIL 4:7; 1.PET 4:1; ROM 7:25; HEB 13:20,21; PHIL 2:12,13; ROM 12:1,2; EPH 4:23; ROM 8:27; 1.PET 3:8; JN 6:38; HEB 10:7; PHIL 2:2; ROM 15:6; JN 12:28.
2 COR 10:4-6: "For the arms (instruments) of our military service are not fleshly, but able (powerful) through God to the taking down of strongholds.

verse 5: Putting (lifting) down reasonings and all things that lift against the knowledge of God and take by the spear (EPH 4:8) every contrivance to the hearkening submissively to Christ.

verse 6: And being ready to exact full justice on all lack of attention (hearing amiss), when your obedience is fulfilled." (Literal Greek translation).

COUNSEL - ISA 9:6: -

PSA 119:24; PROV 3:32; PROV 12:20; ROM 11:34; 1.COR 2:16; JN 17:21; PROV 21:30; PROV 11:14; PROV 1:5; PROV 24:6; REV 3:18; NUM 31:16 = wrong counsel!


"JAPHETH": - enlargement; 7 sons of Japheth are forebears of "Goyim" = Gentile Nations.

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SOME "PEARLS": PART XVII


JUDGES 7:19-22: - A disciplined people is a "broken" people.

TITUS 3:8: - N.B. maintaining "good works".

2. KINGS 19:1-3: - When satan manifests "Giants" in the land (= problems, etc.).

WISDOM: - "Once we see God in His unparalleled greatness; His limitless power; His unswerving faithfulness; His infinite wisdom and knowledge, His absolute justice and unfathomable love... then faith is easy!"


- In O.T. God said He would let them "get sick": - 2.KIN 6:18; DAN 4:33; 2.CHR 26:19.

- Gifts of Healing are set in the Church: - JAS 5:14; 2.KIN 5:27; PROV 29:1.


- Epaphroditas: - PHIL 2:25-27
  Does v.27 mean that God forgave him whatever had caused the sickness?

- N.B. JN 9:1-3; ASA: 2.CHR 16:12***.

APOSTLE: - definition = 1.COR 9:1,2.

EPHESIANS 4:16: - "For because of Him, the whole body joined and firmly knit together by the joints and ligaments with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, grows to full maturity, building itself up in love." (Greek).

PSALM 37: - It is better to suffer afflictions with the people of God, than the pleasures of sin because of the end result = the "punishment"!
JOB 2:4: - If a man owns the world, he cannot buy himself even one more day of life... not even one more minute, after God takes his breath away!

HEBREWS 6:1: - "Letting go the beginnings of the teaching of Christ, let us bear on unto completeness, not casting down again the foundation of repentance." (Greek).

ISAIAH 65:17: - After Judgment Day there will be no more memory of the past! You will not be plagued with the memory of those loved ones who did not get saved and have gone to Hell!

2.TIM 4:6-8: - JOSH 13:22; JUDE 11; 2.TIM 4:10; Balaam wasn't remembered for his good points (NUM 24), but because he backslid!

EPHESIANS 1:18: - "By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints - His set apart ones!" (Amplified Bible - Greek).

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SOME "PEARLS": PART XVIII


JN 17:18: - How God's Work will be done!

ISAIAH Chapters 1-4 (v.3): - The purging of "Zion" which will leave a remnant!!

EZEKIEL 20:38: - Overseers are not to "worry" about brethren "throwing in" their walks in Christ (i.e. their salvation), because the Lord will replace these traitors with multitudes!


WHEN THE "HEAVENS SEEM AS BRASS": - i.e. prayers don't "seem" to be answered. LAM 3:8,44; PSA 13:1; PROV 25:2!!

GOD: -

"GOD - is what He says He is; I am what God says I am; God does what He says He will do; I can do what God says I can do!!"

"SOZO" (Greek) means = "HEALED AND SAVED": - MK 5:23; MK 16:16; LK 8:36; ACTS 2:21; ACTS 14:9; EPH 2:8; ACTS 4:9; ACTS 4:12; MK 6:56.

"JUDAH" = PRAISE: - Judah always marched at the front in battle! 2.CHR 20:22.

"FALLING UNDER THE SPIRIT": - ACTS 2:13; JER 23:9; REV 1:17; 1.KIN 8:11; JN 18:6; DAN 10:10: "slain by the Spirit".

JACOB QUOTED SCRIPTURES WHEN TALKING TO GOD!: - GEN 32:12.

"SUBMISSION" in the NEW TESTAMENT: - is invariably linked to "plurality of the oversight"!
HEB 13:17; 1.COR 16:15,16.

NOT TO BE "OVERLORDS": - PHILEM 8.9; 2.COR 1:24; 1.PET 5:1-5; REV 2:6; «Nicolaitanes» = "conquer the people"; 1.TIM 2:5; MK 10:37-43; PSALM 23; ROM 14:12. Officers/Ämter are not "overlords" (dictators)... but the flock are to follow them as they "serve" the members!

"WISDOM": - (Hebrew = «chochmah») = "an understanding of the principles which control and direct human living at its highest and best."

TWO FALLACIES (faults) APPEAR IN "FAITH" LITERATURE: -
i.e. those many books in Charismatic bookshops!...
(1) is the failure to distinguish between a "general" Word of God «Logos» and,
(2) a particular "word" for a particular occasion = «Rhema». e.g. JOSH 6:12-16

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SOME "PEARLS": PART XIX


If we go through the Valley of Baca (= "tears")... use it profitably! → PSALM 84:5-7. God keeps these men and women - PSALM 139:1-6. So He "tries/tests" us to see what is in us - and we rejoice: PSALM 139:23-24.

DEUT 4:30: - If we sin/make mistakes, and turn fully to Him, He pardons us → 1.JN 2:1.

2.PET 3 - END OF WORLD ORDER: -
MAL 4; ZECH 14; HAG 2:6,7,21,22; ZEPH 1:6,7,14-18; ZEPH 2:2; NAH 1:5-7; AMOS 8:9,10; AMOS 9:5; AMOS 5:18-20; JOEL 2:1-17; DAN 12:1-9; ISA 13:1-13; ISA 24:1-23; 2.THESS 1:7-9.

2.PET 3:16,17: - Don't try to understand The Word in your mind (doctrines, etc.).

THE TONGUE: - JOB 6:24; JOB 13:19; JAS 1:26; JOB 5:21; JOB 6:30; PSA 12:3; PSA 15; PSA 34:13; PSA 39:1; PSA 119:172; PROV 6:23,24; PROV 10:20,21,31; PROV 12:18,19; PROV 15:2,4; PROV 17:4; PROV 18:21; PROV 21:23; JAS 3!

PROVERBS 12:25: - A chosen word will comfort one in heaviness (sadness).

REPTENT: - MATT 3:2; 2.PET 3:9; MATT 4:17; MK 1:15; LK 13:3,5; LK 15:7; ACTS 3:19; ACTS 17:30; ACTS 26:23-30 - Paul preaches repentance!

CONTINUE TO WITNESS REGARDLESS OF WHAT OUR EYES "SEE": - EZEK 2:7.

JESUS WAITED TO DO GOD'S WILL... HE DID NOTHING OF SELF!: - JN 7:4; JN 12.

GALATIANS 5:22: - This is how fruit "comes"... HEB 12:11.

PSALM 48:5: - God refers to those who are "depressed".

PROPHECY - EUPHRATES RIVER IS TO DRY UP: - ISA 11:15.

WHEN YOU SET OUT TO MAKE WAR!: - DEUT 20:1-4; ISA 54:7-10,14,17

HOW TO KNOW "MY" MINISTRY: - ROM 12:4,5. God has many ways of causing us to "know" the Way wherein we should walk! GEN 24:27

HOPE: - ROM 8:24; ROM 15:13; EPH 2:12; COL 1:27; HEB 6:17-20

DREAMS & VISIONS: - NUM 12:6-8; GEN 28:10-19; GEN 37:5-11; 1.KIN 3:5-15; DAN 2:19; ACTS 12:9; ISA 6:1-9; EZEK 37:1-14; AMOS 7:7; ACTS 10:9-20; 2.COR 12:1; GAL 1:12; AMOS 8:2

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SOME "PEARLS": PART XX


Belongs to Christ - JN 10:14; JN 17:11; 2.TIM 2:19; PSA 91:14; GAL 6:17

Behaves like Christ - 1.JN 2:6.

Beholds Christ - 1.THESS 1:9,10; JUDE 14; REV 22:12; 2.COR 3:18; REV 21:5.

PROPHET AND APOSTLES: -

LK 11:49; 1.COR 12:28; EPH 2:20; EPH 3:5; EPH 4:11; REV 18:20; ACTS 15,32*,40; ACTS 11:27,28; ACTS 21:10; ACTS 4:36; ACTS 11:22,23; ACTS 13:1 - role = exhortation and confirmation. "Barnabus" = "Son of Consolation".


7 LAWS OF PRAYER: -

(1) Pure heart - PSA 66:18; ISA 1:15; JOSH 7:12.

(2) Spirit of mercy - MK 11:25.

(3) A correct desire - JAS 4:3; 1.PET 4:11; 1.COR 10:31.


(6) In Jesus' Name - JN 14:14.

(7) In the Spirit - JUDE 20; GAL 5:25.

THE "POWERS" AND THE CHURCH: -

EPH 2:2; COL 1:16; ISA 45:18; ISA 14:14; JN 12:31; EZEK 28:15; JN 14:30; JN 16:11; 2.COR 4:4; 1.JN 5:19; EPH 6:12; ACTS 16:16-18=19; = 1.THESS 2:2; COL 2:15; LK 11:21,22; LK 10:18,19*; EPH 6:10-17; DAN 10:13; EPH 3:10; 2.COR 2:11*

THE "ACCURSED" CHRIST: - DEUT 21:22-23; ZECH 12:10; ZECH 13:8; PSA 22; GAL 3:13; MK 14:61-64; EZEK 18:20; JN 10:15-18; 2.COR 5:19

HUMILITY: - 2.SAM 22:36; PROV 15:33; PROV 18:12; PROV 22:4; 1.PET 5:5; TIT 3:2; JAS 3:17

FAITH: - EPH 1:15; GAL 3:26; EPH 6:23; PHIL 3:9; COL 1:4; COL 2:5; 1.TIM 1:14; 1.TIM 3:13; 2.TIM 1:13; 2.TIM 3:15

WHEN IN TRIAL: - DEUT 4:30
SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXI)

ROMANS 5:3,4: - AFFLICTIONS AND TRIBULATIONS: - because 1.COR 11:32; HEB 12:10; 
PSA 66:10; PROV 17:3; ISA 48:10; JER 9:7 = JN 15:2; MAL 3:2,3; PROV 25:4; ISA 43:1,2; 
JOB 23:10; therefore 1.PET 1:6-7; PSA 84; REV 7:14.

EXAMPLE OF SLIGHTEST "ERRORS" OF DEAD SEA SCROLLS: - i.e. The Dead Sea Scrolls 
show that the texts used AFTER Christ's death and Resurrection are word-perfect with originals 
found hidden years before Jesus' death... e.g. ISAIAH 15:9 the word used is "Dibron" (1947 
discovery) whereas the word has been translated in the texts used for the present Bibles as: "the 
waters of Dimon..." This is the ONLY alteration found compared to the original texts 
BEFORE CHRIST! = B.C. in this Book of ISAIAH!!!

THE SORROW IN WHICH WE "REJOICE": = Jesus carried our sorrows: ISA 53:4; 2.COR 7:3- 
11; therefore ECCLES 7:3; MATT 5:4; PSA 126:5,6; PROV 15:13; PSA 51:17; and 2.COR 6:10 
etc.

Therefore REJOICE!: HEB 12:12; ECCLES 11:10; 2.COR 6:10.

THE BOOK OF ACTS: - lists 28 direct quotations from 8 Books of the O.T.

JN 18:36: - Christians are "in" this world, but not "of" it!

GOD DOES NOT REPENT: - ISA 55:11; e.g. EX 17:14 = 1.SAM 15:3,33.

NUM 21:7; 1.SAM 26:9: - It is a sin to speak against Overseers!

ACTS 7:22: - Moses learned about statesmanship; learned 2-3 languages; law codes; and many 
other educational aspects. Egypt's education then was the best known in the 
ancient world!

JN 5:46-47: - Moses wrote the Old Testament books of Pentateuch, and also dictated them.

ECCLES 4:14: - This is a "danger" for the children of Christians (i.e your children)!

ISAIAH 56:9-12: - A picture of God's shepherds (Pastors/Overseers) gone astray.

EPHES 4:30: - "grieve" = same word as "motionless" cf. ROM 12:11; MATT 25:26!!

MARRIAGE - A DIVINE INSTITUTION: - MAL 2:14**: GEN 2:18-25; MATT 19:4-6; MK 10:6-8; 
1.COR 7:3-5; 2.COR 6:14; COL 3:18-20; EPH 5:21,28-33; HEB 13:4 and ECCLES 4:9-12 etc.

1. PETER 1:23-25: - "The Christian's life BEGINS in the Word; is SUSTAINED by that Word 
(1.PET 2:2); MATURES through the Word (ACTS 20:32); and RECEIVES DIRECTION through 
the Word (PSA 119:105)".

"Where there is a COVENANT - there must be a sacrifice, and wherever there is a sacrifice, 
there must be THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD: PSALM 50:5***.

COVENANT RELATIONSHIPS: - EX 20 (chapter) → EX 23 (chapter); 1.PET 2:9-10 → EX 19:5,6; 
MATT 26:28; 1.COR 10:16-17.

ACTS 4:32: - "KOINONIA" ("having fellowship/in common") = JN 10:30; JN 17:10; JN 16:14,15; 
1.COR 1:9; 1.JN 1:3,4; 1.JN 1:7 = This is the condition!!

JESUS: - ACTS 13:23; ISA 55:3; ACTS 1:14; ACTS 3:6; 10:38; 26:9; 24:5; 7:56; 8:37; 9:20; 
SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXII)


**ISRAEL LIES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE EARTH!** - EZK 38:12; EZK 5:5.

**1,000 YEAR KINGDOM:** - JEWS SAVED: JER 30:6,7; ISA 66:8,9; DAN 12:1; ROM 11:25,26; EZK 37:21-28.

**JERUSALEM = middle point of interest:** ISA 2:3; MIC 4:2; REV 5:10; DAN 7:27; REV 20:4,6; PSA 2:9; ZECH 14:16,17; ISA 11:9.

**THE CLOUD:** ISA 4:4-6.

**PEACE:** ISA 2:4; MIC 4:3.

**ANIMALS:** ISA 11:6-8.

**NO ONE SICK:** ISA 33:24; 35:5,6.

**LONG LIFE:** ISA 65:20-22.

**STILL SINNERS:** ISA 65:20.

**NO THISTLES, or THORNS:** ISA 55:13; GEN 3:17,18.


**"CHURCH" MEMBERSHIP:** - HEB 10:25; ACTS 2:41-47; ACTS 4:23,24; 1 JN 2:19; 1.COR 5:2; ACTS 2:42.

**MEDITATION:** - JN 6:63; JOB 23:12; GEN 24:63; PSA 119:148; PSA 104:34; PSA 119:97; JOSH 1:8; 1.TIM 4:15; PSA 1:1-3; PHIL 4:8; PSA 19:14; MAL 3:16.

**THE "OTHER" APOSTLES:** - ACTS 14:14; GAL 1:19.

**EXCOMMUNICATION:** 1.COR 5:13; MATT 18:15-20; 1.COR 5:2,12,13; = 2.COR 5:5-8; TIT 3:10,11; ROM 16:17; JN 15:2; 1.TIM 1:18-20 (false teaching).

**CHERUBIM:** - EZK 1:4-10,14,22,26; EZK 10:1-7,14,18,19-22; EX 25:16-22.

**THREE TEMPLES:** - (1) Solomon: destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC.

(2) Ezra & Nehemiah: destroyed by Epiphanes in 168 BC.

(3) Herod: - destroyed by Titus in 70 AD.

**CHRISTIANS MUST ALSO STAND BEFORE JUDGMENT:** - 2.COR 5:10; 1.COR 3:11-17.

**PAUL:** - not "over" Jerusalem, but given deference/respect as a leader: ACTS 15:12; ACTS 21:18 and made sure of ROM 15:20 - 2.COR 10:16.

**APOSTLES LAID FOUNDATION OF TEACHING:** - 2.TIM 1:13; 2:2; 2.PET 1:15; REV 22:18,19.

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXIII)

ABORTION: - EX 21:22-25***; MATT 18:10-14; JER 1:5; LK 19:44; PSA 139:13; PSA 127:3; JOB 31:15; ISA 44:24; MIC 6:7; PSA 71:6; PSA 139:16.


STAR OF DAVID: - ISA 7:14; MATT 1:23; NUM 24:17; MATT 2:2; REV 22:16.


SPIRITUAL RENEWAL: - PSA 51:11.

A troubled Spirit: = GEN 41:8; Anguish = JOB 7:11; Jealous = NUM 5:14; Hardened = DEUT 2:30; Lying = 2 CHR 18:21; That of Philistines = 2 CHR 21:16; Hasty = PROV 14:29; Haughty and Proud = ECCLES 7:8; Perverse = ISA 19:14, PROV 15:4.

A right Spirit: = Free = PSA 51:12; Wisdom = EX 28:3; Willing = EX 35:21; Sorrowful = 1.SAM 1:15; Faithful = PROV 11:13; Diligent = PSA 77:6; Humble = PROV 16:19; Patient = ECCLES 7:8; Contrite = PSA 34:18; Broken = PSA 51:17.

EARLY CHURCH ALWAYS APPEALED TO THE WORD!: - not prophets!! - for support of ALL doctrine = ACTS 2:16; ACTS 15:15; ACTS 26:22; 2.PET 1:20.


FELLOWSHIP WITH THE "TRIUNE" GOD: -

GOD - MATT 6:9; JN 16:23,24; 2.COR 1:20; ACTS 4:24; EPH 1:15-17; COL 1:3.

JESUS - ACTS 7:53,60; 1.COR 1:2; 2.COR 12:8; 1.THESS 3:11-13; 1.TIM 1:12; REV 1:5,6.


Through the Spirit and Blood of Jesus we come into fellowship with the Father and the Son = 1.JN 1:3; JN 16:14,15. Why not talk to them all!


WHY SOLOMON FELL!: - 1. KINGS 11 (all).


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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXIV)

IN THE WORD: - the significance of money is fully realised. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables of Christ deal with the handling of money and possessions.
LUTHER: "He who has given someone his heart will also give him his purse!"

THE DEEP CONCERN GOD HAS FOR US: PSA 139:13-16; MATT 10 (all). There are 260 references to Eternal Punishment or Hell; 40% are in the N.T.!!

HEBREWS 11:1: "Es ist aber der Glaube die Substanz dessen, was wir erhoffen, das Überzeugtsein von dem, was wir nicht sehen" ("Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen").

MANY FORMS OF WORSHIP: Clapping hands: PSA 47:1; Lifting hands: PSA 63:4; PSA 134:2; PSA 141:2; Singing: PSA 92:1; PSA 98:1; Joyful shouting: PSA 81:1; Use of instruments: PSA 150:3-5; Speaking aloud: = 20 times in PSA 145 alone!

HAVE WE PATIENCE?: JAS 5:1-11; 1.THESS 1:3; ROM 5:3 - Be patient to all men! 1.THESS 5:14; PSA 106... Patient towards God: PSA 37:7; ROM 8:25; HEB 10:35,36... Patient with ourselves: JAS 1:2,3.

CLOTHING BETRAYS WHAT WE ARE!: 2.KIN 1:2,5-8; GEN 38:13-15.

NO SOLDIER IS TO "MURDER": GEN 9:5,6; 1.JN 3:11,12,15; MATT 5:21,22; JN 18:36.

NO BLOOD: LEV 17:11; GEN 9:3,4; ACTS 15:28,29; DEUT 12:15,16; ACTS 20:26,27.

SINGING: - PSA 104:33,34; JOB 38:7; REV 15:3; PSA 100:2,4; 2.CHR 20:15,28; PSA 149:5; 2.KIN 3:15*** Elisha sends for a minstrel.

FROM LEVITICUS chapters 4-6: we can see 3 of the requirements God imposed for RECONCILIATION: (a) Confession... Chap 5:5; (b) Restitution... Chap 6:1-5; and (c) Sacrifice... Chap 6:6-7.


PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION THROUGH THE MEDIA: journalists, reporters etc., must be very careful before God!... 2.SAM 1:20; ROM 14:4; JAS 4:11-12 and JAS 5:9.


MINISTRIES: EPH 4:11,12; ACTS 21:8; ROM 12:7; 1.COR 12:28; 2.TIM 4:5.


HOPE: COL 1:23; HEB 3:6; PSA 31:24; PSA 39:7; ROM 15:4; PROV 14:32; COL 1:5; 1.JN 3:2,3; TIT 2:12,13.

PROVIDENCE/CIRCUMSTANCE: has its role: ESTHER 4:14; 1.COR 16:8,9; RUTH 2:3.

COUNSELLORS: PROV 12:15; ACTS 13:2; ACTS 15 (all); GAL 1:18; GAL 2:9; PROV 15:22; PROV 11:14; (exception = 1.SAM 14:1 & GAL 1:16).

COLOSSIANS 3:15: "Let the peace of God arbitrate, preside or settle all questionings in your hearts" (Greek).

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXV)

WORSHIP: -


Falling before God: -
In worship = GEN 17:3; JOB 1:20.
In gratitude = 2.KIN 4:37; LK 17:16.
Depth of earnestness = 1.SAM 25:23,24; ESTH 8:3.
Deeply burdened = DEUT 9:17,18; JOSH 7:6; MK 5:22; MK 7:25; LK 5:12; MATT 26:39.
Falling before a superior = 2.SAM 19:18; GEN 50:18; 1.CHR 21:16; NUM 14:5; NUM 16:4-22,45; 1.KIN 18:39.
Deep spiritual experience = EZEK 1:28; EZEK 3:23; 1.KIN 8:11; ACTS 9:4-6; MATT 17:6; REV 1:17; REV 5:8,14; REV 7:11.

Standing: - JOB 29:8; NEH 8:5; NEH 9:3,2; 2.KIN 23:3; 1.SAM 1:26; 1.KIN 8:22; LK 18:13; MK 11:25; 2.CHR 20:18,19; NEH 9:5; REV 7:9,10.

Lifting of hands: - PSA 88:9; GEN 14:22; DAN 12:7; REV 10:5,6; EX 9:22.

Intercession: - EX 17:11,12; 2.CHR 6:13; 1.KIN 8:22; 1.TIM 2:8; LAM 2:19; PSA 143:6; EX 9:29; ISA 1:15.

Penitence: - EZRA 9:5; LAM 3:40,41.

Worship: - NEH 8:6; PSA 63:4; PSA 134:2; PSA 119:48.

Appealing: - ACTS 26:1; ROM 10:21; PROV 1:24.


1.JN 1:9: - ISA 43:25; ISA 44:22; PSA 103:12; MIC 7:19; ISA 38:17; HEB 8:12; HEB 10:17.


SUPPLICATION: - Hebrew = "graciousness" in bending, or "stooping in kindness", "to be rubbed, or worn" = 2.CHR 6:29; ACTS 20:22 - Greek = "to arrive" = competent, fit, begging, binding. 2.CHR 6 and 1.KIN 9 = perfect picture of supplication.

GOD'S PLAN IS TO SAVE HOUSEHOLDS!: - JN 1:41; GEN 7:1; EX 12:3; JOSH 2:13; JOSH 6:23-25; ACTS 11:14,15; ACTS 16:14,15.

CHRIST DIED, ROSE AND REVIVED: - JOB 19:25; ISA 25:8; PSA 16:10; MATT 12:40; MATT 16:21; MATT 17:22,23; MATT 20:18,19; MK 8:31; MK 9:31; MK 10:33,34; LK 9: 22; LK 24:26; JN 2:19,21; JN 10:17,18; No wonder our Lord's enemies remembered such promises as these: the marvel is that His followers forgot them!

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXVI)

DATE OF EXODUS:  1400 BC. 1 KINGS 6:1.

SOUL POISON:  PSA 64:2,3; ROM 3:14; HEB 12:15; JAS 3:11,12,14; EPH 4:31; COL 3:19.


A RING FOR THE BRIDE:  GEN 24:10,22.

WHEN THE WOMEN RULE:  ISA 3:12.

WHERE DOES SATAN COME FROM?:  2.PET 2:4; JUDE 6; LK 10:18; EZEK 28:12-18; ISA 14:4-17; REV 12:3.

JERUSALEM: is in the "middle" of the earth: EZEK 5:5.


* - see page 495 in O.T. Amplified Bible commentary (ZONDERVAN 4th printing, 1965)


GOD MAKES PROMISES - BUT DOESN'T DATE THEM!  HEB 10:36; ROM 15:4-5; LK 21:19; COL 1:11; HEB 6:12; JAS 1:3-4; JAS 5:7,10,11.

MALACHI 3:14,15: People's attitude towards God today!

DAVID ORGANISED GREAT CHOIRS:  2.SAM 6:5,14-16; 1.CHR 15:29; 1.CHR 16:4-36; 1.CHR 25 (all).

2 TABERNACLES FUNCTIONING IN ISRAEL: During commencement of Solomon's reign.


2nd at Mt. Zion = Tabernacle of David... 2.CHR 1:4... gave/offered no animal sacrifices - but only sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.


HAPINESS:  PSA 128:1; PSA 32:1; PSA 119:1 & PSA 146:5,6.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: God Himself keeps record of names of the family of God: PHIL 4:3; REV 3:5; REV 21:27; GAL 2:9; ACTS 1:21; ACTS 6:3.

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SOME "PEARLS": (PART XXVII)

RETURN OF JEWS TO ISRAEL:  EZEK 36:24,35-36 = ISA 41:18-19; JER 16:15-16; ISA 14:1; JER 30:3; EZEK 11:17; JER 31:4-10,17.

THE LAW DOESN'T HELP TO OVERCOME SIN: - it helps only to be "sin conscious." The law gives sin its "strength": 1.COR 15:56; ROM 4:15; ROM 5:20. Our strength to overcome the negatives of "old life" comes from the positives of who we are in Christ!

PERSISTENCY IN PRAYER: - ROM 12:12; 1.THESS 5:17; 1.THESS 1:2,3; ROM 1:9; ACTS 12:5; LK 18:1-8; MATT 7:7 and MATT 11:12.

GENESIS 1:14-19: - declares the earth is THE REASON for ALL heavenly bodies...

ISAIAH 45:18: - God created THIS EARTH to be inhabited by man.

ROMANS 16:25 & 1.COR 2:7: - reveal MAN was THE REASON for creation.


1.KINGS 20:40: - Through this mistake, Ahab lost everything!

NOT TO PRAY TO THE DEAD: - ISA 8:19-20; Standing Images/Obelisks etc. (Hebrew: "matzebah") 1.KIN 14:23; 2.KIN 18:4; JER 43:13; MIC 5:13.

KNEELING IN PRAYER: - PSA 95:6; 1.KIN 8:54; DAN 6:10; ACTS 7:60; ACTS 21:5.

SITTING IN PRAYER: - 2.SAM 7:18; ACTS 2:2.

DISCIPLES NOT SAVED BEFORE PENTECOST!: - JN 15:15; LK 22:32; ACTS 11:17 (Greek = "when ye first believed")

THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS - THE CRUCIFIXION: - LK 13:32,33; MATT 16:21; MK 10:34; MATT 12:38-40; GEN 1:4-13; JN 11:9,10; MK 8:31; JN 2:19 - 72 hours in grave... MATT 27:46-50; JN 19:31-33; MK 15:42; DEUT 21:23; JN 19:38-42. Tomb at sunrise on Sunday already empty! = MK 16:2 = JN 20:1,2. Nowhere does The Bible say He had just risen! LK 24:1,2; MK 16:9 = "He was risen" (Past Tense). The sabbath was NOT the weekly sabbath, BUT an ANNUAL SABBATH = JN 19:14,31. So 2 sabbaths occured this week, = MK 16:1 cf. LK 23:56 = "bought spices after Wednesday sabbath and THEN RESTED on the Saturday Sabbath. (Source: See "Babylon Mystery Religion", p.140,141)

AUTHORITY OF THE WORD: - MATT 5:17; JN 5:39; JN 10:35; 2.TIM 3:16; 2.PET 1:20,21; 1.COR 14:37; EPH 6:17; REV 22:9; ACTS 1:16; ACTS 2:16; GAL 3:2,5,6,8; JN 7:38; ROM 15:18,19; HEB 4:12; HEB 11:3; HEB 1:3.

THE TIME IS SHORT: - 1.COR 7:29; ROM 13:11,12; MK 1:15; GAL 4:4; TIT 1:3; 2.COR 6:2.

JESUS SPOKE NOTHING OF HIS OWN IDEAS: - JN 5:19,30; JN 8:26-29,40; JN 12:49,50.

IGNORANCE DOES NOT EXEMPT FROM GUILT AND PUNISHMENT: - LEV 4:2,13,22,27; LEV 5:15,17; NUM 15:22-29; HOS 4:8; LK 12:48.

PEARLS OF WISDOM - PROVERBS 4:5-9:

WE ARE A LIVING SACRIFICE
(ROMANS 12:1)
There is an altar I must build
Strong and foursquare, of rough-hewn stone,
With bitter labour shaped and laid,
And I must build it all alone.
No other hand but mine must rear
That altar in the secret place,
Remote, untrod, where even now
God wants to meet me face to face.
Up the steep rugged path that leads
Straight to the place that I desire
Yet shrink from, I myself alone
There is no back but mine must bear
The faggot up the long incline;
The wood of kindling must be laid
in order by no hand but mine!

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“HOLD THE ROPES” - Over the years in the Lord, He has also caused me to read some fantastic reports and material. What follows is a report taken from a magazine put out by the Elim Church - some years ago. These reports are also amongst my section on “Pearls”.

The following report should put Godly fear into you. You should never forget this report and realise your duties (those responsibilities which God is giving us) and even more so now as He is showing you the urgent need to “pray through” for all those points we are being given - especially LK 10:2!

Don’t let yourself become one of those who “let’s go of the ropes!”

"I was greatly challenged some time ago, when I read of a young couple, who in 1888, were bidding farewell to their home church because they were about to leave for an African field, known as the ‘white man’s grave.’

The husband said: 'My wife and I have a strange dread in going. We feel much as if we were going down into a pit. We are willing to take the risk and go, if you, our home church will promise to hold the ropes!' Everyone in that congregation promised to do so.

Less than two years had passed when his wife, and the little one God had given them, succumbed to a dreaded fever. Soon the husband realised that his days were numbered. Not wanting to send word home of his coming, he started back at once and he arrived at the hour of the Wednesday prayer meeting. He slipped in unnoticed, taking a back seat. At the close of the meeting he went forward. An awe came over the people, for death was written on his face.

He said: 'I am your missionary. My wife and child are buried in Africa and I have come home to die. This evening I listened anxiously as you prayed to hear if there would be some mention of your missionary; to see if you were keeping your promises. But I listened in vain. You prayed for everything connected with yourselves and your home church, but you forgot your missionary. I see now why I am a failure... it is because you have failed to hold the ropes!'"

(Reported by R. Jones, Secretary General, Elim Pentecostal Church, 10th May, 1980).

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PEARLS OF WISDOM - PROVERBS 4:5-9:

WHO IS THE "HOLY GHOST"?:
The Bible sets out a large number of evidences for the personality of the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. In Scripture the Holy Spirit is referred to by personal pronouns and, in the 16th chapter of John, the masculine pronoun «ekinos» is used twelve times, referring to the Holy Spirit. The Revised Standard Version renders Romans 8:16 and 26 as "the Spirit Himself".

The work of the Holy Spirit entails personality. He is described as the Comforter and the Scripture makes it clear He is the Divine Author - for "all scripture is given by inspiration of God." His work as Teacher, Guide and Witness to Christ are offices which demand personality, and Psalm 14 makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is now involved in the creative work of God, as also stated in Genesis chapter 1. It is obvious then that the ministry and functioning of the Holy Spirit are identified with that of personality.

As a personality, the Holy Spirit is identified with the Trinity, and to deny the personality of the Holy Spirit is to cast doubt on the personality of God the Father, and God the Son. One of the most amazing statements concerning the personality of the Holy Spirit is His identification with believers in decision-making. "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us..." (ACTS 15:28).

The characteristics of personality are also clearly stated in relation to the Holy Spirit. There is the characteristic of intellect according to 1.Cornithians 2:10. The Holy Spirit exercises will, according to 1. Corinthians 12:11, and emotions such as "love" are also attributed to the Holy Spirit according to Romans 15:30. The Holy Spirit can be grieved!

Acts of independent personality are stated as being exercised by the Holy Spirit. For instance: the Spirit spoke to Philip (Acts 8:29), and directed him concerning the calling of Barnabus and Saul (Acts 13:2). The personal operations of the Holy Spirit speaking to men: leading, directing, restraining and convicting are the operations of a Person; no mere influence could operate in such a manner.

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1.TIM 3:1-16 - "The pillar and ground of Truth":

The city of Ephesus was celebrated for its pillars and inscriptions. The temple of Diana was encompassed by 127 columns, each 60 feet in height. As Timothy was ministering in the church at Ephesus when Paul wrote, it was especially fitting that he represented the Christian Church as the pillar and foundation of the truth. It was common in ancient times to transmit laws and historical facts to posterity by engraving inscriptions on the columns so that they may be read by those who pass by, and be preserved for the benefit of future ages.

DO PEOPLE READ/SEE CHRIST IN YOU?? - 2.CORINTHIANS 3:3 ***

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TRACES OF WHAT MAN ONCE WAS?

1.COR 13:12 - What was man like as originally created - before sin started taking its toll on his mind, body, and the world in which he lives? The Bible indicates that Adam had knowledge we could never understand. Today we can only, as Paul says, "... see through a glass, darkly..." Are there hints around us of the original capabilities of the human brain? Keep in mind that each of us has different deficiencies and different strengths. The so-called "idiot savant" has a low IQ, yet is capable of incredible mental feats. This syndrome is caused when damage to the left hemisphere of the brain causes the right hemisphere to "overdevelop".

"K", at the age of 28, had a mental age of 11 and a vocabulary of only 58 words. But he could remember the population of every U.S. city of more than 5,000 people, the distances of every city
between New York and Chicago, every country seat in the nation, and the names, locations and number of rooms in over 2,000 hotels.

In the 1700's Jedediah Buxton, with a mental age of 10, could calculate any number in his head. When asked how many 1/8ths of an inch exist in a cube 23,145,789 yards by 5,642,732 yards by 54,965 yards, he answered with the correct 28-digit number.

Blind and mentally retarded, Leslie Lemke is a musical genius. He can play any music after only hearing it once. He once played every note of a 45-minute piece perfectly after hearing it the first time!

**Do we see here a trace of abilities which God meant for all? (GEN 1:31)**

Remember the film: "Rainman" with Dustin Hoffman?... N.B. 1.COR 3:18-20

(Source: Bible-Science News)

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**PEARLS OF WISDOM - PROVERBS 4:5-9:**

1. Two marks of a Christian: GIVING and FORGIVING.
2. What it Costs to be True to God:
   - It cost Abraham the yielding up of his only son.
   - It cost Daniel to be cast into the den of lions.
   - It cost Stephen death by stoning.
   - It cost Peter a martyr's death.
   - It cost Jesus His life.

   **DOES IT COST YOU ANYTHING?**

3. GOD'S WORK must be done GOD'S WAY.

   (Pastor Günther)

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A clergyman had just enjoyed a hearty chicken dinner at the home of a rural parishioner. Gazing out the window, he remarked: "That rooster seems a mighty proud and happy bird". "He should", the host replied, "his oldest son just entered the ministry".

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"If we sit down at the sun set and count the things that we have done, and counting, find one self-denying act, one word that eased the heart of one who heard, one glance most kind that fell like sunshine where it went, then we may count the day well spent."

But if through all the long day, we've eased no heart by yea or nay; if through it all we've done nothing that we can trace, that brought the sunshine to a face, no act most small that helped some soul, and nothing cost, then count that day as more than lost! MATT 25:34-46.